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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.), SOPN

SUBJECT: RESTON ARTICLE

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM EAGLEBURGER

1. WE ARE REPEATING TO YOU BY SEPTTEL THE RESTON ARTICLE ON "A NEW ECONOMIC ORDER." I AM BOTH RELIEVED AND IRRITATED BY IT; RELIEVED BECAUSE WHAT I BEGAN TO WORRY YESTERDAY MIGHT BE MY INDISCRETIONS ON THE ATTITUDES OF OTHERS DO NOT SHOW UP; IRRITATED BECAUSE IT IS A BAD ARTICLE AND TOTALLY MISSES THE POINT THAT I TRIED VERY HARD TO IMPRESS UPON RESTON, I.E., THAT THERE HAD BEEN A MAJOR CHANGE IN U.S. POLICY.

2. SINCE I UNWISELY BRAGGED TO YOU LAST NIGHT THAT I THOUGHT WE WOULD GET A GOOD ARTICLE, I NOW FIND MYSELF IN THE EMBARRASSING POSITION OF HAVING TO TELL YOU THAT THE RESULT DEMONSTRATES:

(A) MY ELOQUENCE AND PERSUASIVENESS ARE NOT AS GREAT AS I THOUGHT THEY WERE; (B) THAT RESTON OBVIOUSLY DOESN'T REST HIS CASE ON WHAT I TELL HIM BUT INTERVIEWS OTHERS AS WELL.

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3. I DID NOT REPEAT NOT GO INTO ANY OF THE DETAIL CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPHS 3 THROUGH 7. NOR DID I AT ANY POINT DISCUSS THE DISPUTES OVER THE "PROCESS" OF CLEARING THE

SPEECHES. WHAT I DID DO WAS DESCRIBE SIMON'S IDEOLOGICAL HANGUPS (WHICH SHOWS UP HARDLY AT ALL IN THE ARTICLE).

4. AS INDICATED ABOVE, HOWEVER, MY MAJOR CONCERN IS THAT SCOTTY HAS TOTALLY MISSED THE POINT ABOUT THE MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE IMPORT OF THE SPEECHES AND THE CHANGE THOSE SPEECHES HAVE WROUGHT IN OUR WHOLE APPROACH. I HAVE, IN FACT, CALLED RESTON TO TELL HIM HOW DISAPPOINTED I AM IN THE PIECE AND TO EMPHASIZE TO HIM THAT BY PAYING SO MUCH ATTENTION TO PROCESS AND SO LITTLE TO SUBSTANCE HE HAS BASICALLY MISSED THE POINT. HIS RESPONSE IN ESSENCE WAS THAT OTHERS WITH WHOM HE HAS TALKED PROVIDED HIM WITH A DIFFERENT VIEW OF THE MATTER.

5. HENCEFORTH I WILL BRAG ONLY AFTER THE FACT. IN ANY EVENT, THIS SHOULD DISPROVE ANY CLAIM THAT I "PLAY SCOTTY RESTON LIKE A FIDDLE." INGERSOLL

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